

Road Through Daniels Canyon

The road through Daniels Canyon during the early years was a narrow, twisting trail that crossed the stream by fording shallow places or hitting many bridges at just the right angle when coming down with long loads of timber. In the spring the mud would be almost hub deep; in the summer, deep dust, and in the winter, always the danger of snow slides.

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Dave Thacker relates that many years ago a Mr. Lewis from Ogden and a Pack photography outfit were going to Vernal to do some work. They had a house ten feet wide built on wheels to use for living and working purposes. They hired Dave Thacker to haul the outfit out there by team. He could only go a short distance, then stop to chop out willows in order to get through Daniels Canyon. Now this road is a fine oiled highway, part of highway 40. Cattle and sheep are trucked through to their summer ranges. At any time of the year the scenery is most beautiful and when one comes out onto the bench overlooking Heber Valley, the sight is awe inspiring, a magnificent green valley with the backdrop of the Wasatch Mountains. A fine recreational spot called Lodge-Pole Camp was constructed by the Forest Service near the head of the canyon many years ago and recently a park was made near Whiskey Springs at the lower end of the canyon, which is available to tourists and people of the valley.—Julia A. Anderson, Elsie D. Johnson



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Story from Elven Sweet, son of Joseph Wells Sweet and Elsie May Meckam;

He said before or about 1921 he & others would bring a bob-sled & team from Fruitland & a load of cedar posts to sell in Heber Mercantile.

They would arrive at "Ace" Bethers place from Fruitland & thru the Strauberry all out snow. At "Ace's" place they would unload the posts from the bob-sled & place them in a wagon to come down Daniels Canyon, because there was hardly any snow.

"Ace" Bethers had a barn across the road, to the west where these changes were made.